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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA WILL NOT ATTEND GEORGIA DONORS CONFERENCE

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(SBU) We delivered Ref A points to Annabel Anderson, Assistant Secretary for Northern, Southern, and Eastern Europe Branch at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Anderson reiterated what she told post on September 22 (ref B) - Australia will not make any new commitments to assist Georgia, and will not attend the October 22 donors conference. Anderson noted that Georgia lies well outside Australia's normal Asia-Pacific area of focus for such assistance, and said the provision on August 14 of emergency humanitarian assistance to Georgia in the wake of the conflict was an exception to the rule.

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